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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady, at times firm in the Midwest. Retail demand was light to moderate with limited features present. Food service was light to fairly good, best into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was moderate to good for midweek trading. Wings were close to tight and continued to move well. Breast items were in good supply to short, but often more available for bone-in breasts. Thighs were irregular, but available, and all other dark meat cuts were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to light, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 70.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.75 cents last year on August 24, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.50
BREASTS - B/S	152.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.50
LEG QUARTERS	39.00
WINGS	94.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, but generally at least steady. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate with best movement into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Breast items and wings were in balance to tight and moving well at premium levels, and dark meat was mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable to light weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings were in tight supply. Other items were adequate to well cleared.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady to firm on varied offerings. Fill-in trade into the Ohio area was noted on 3 up wogs at 58 cents; 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 wogs at 63 cents. Retail and food service market activity was light to moderate; instances fairly good into some fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in balance to short of full trade needs. Weights desirable to light. Trade on parts was limited with good interest on wings and boneless/skinless breasts. Supplies of leg quarters were noted as more available; thighs adequate to in close balance; bone-in breasts and drums adequate; and wings and boneless/skinless breasts tight to short of needs. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and breast cuts and steady on dark meat parts.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiments were generally steady. Offerings were adequate overall. Buyers were cautious when committing to additional product. Retailer demand was moderate to good where promotions were in affect. Floor stocks were in fair balance with current needs. The market tone was steady to firm on parts. White meat items were in the strongest position.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 19, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 19, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 19, 2006 were 5.76 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 08/19/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,049	212,244	0
CHICKS PLACED	174,463	176,063	-01

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Sep-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 161.1 million head the previous week and to 165.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.21 cents per pound.

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## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 23, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	671	135.00-199.00	-	145.22
TENDERLOINS	278	138.00-195.00	-	148.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	75.00-85.00	-	81.31
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	186	47.00-62.00	47-48	48.13
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	580	32.00-39.00	35-36	36.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	809	34.00-41.00	37-38	37.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	91.00-94.00	91-92	91.77
WINGS (CUT)	295	110.00-114.00	112-113	112.32
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	611	136.00-202.00	-	149.03
TENDERLOINS	213	136.00-199.00	-	148.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	129	80.00-84.00	81-83	81.74
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	186	45.00-62.00	47-48	47.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	32.00-38.00	34-35	34.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	833	34.00-40.00	37	37.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	90.00-95.00	92-94	92.98
WINGS (CUT)	255	110.00-115.00	-	111.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE                      TODAY'S AVERAGE  
51.00-57.50                      54.86

RANGE                      TODAY'S AVERAGE                      5-DAY AVERAGE  
51.50-57.50                      53.68                      53.89

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was moderate to good during midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were in close balance to short of current needs. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Thighs and wings were in good balance to tight. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts, wings and tenders; steady to fully steady for the balance of items.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	140.22	674,976
TENDERLOINS	145-150	134.88	207,908
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	89.37	109,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	88.09	77,400
LEGS	49-50	48.86	135,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	38.86	275,800
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	41.07	145,060
THIGHS	35-36	45.10	73,360
B/S THIGHS	91-92	88.41	125,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	98.22	222,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	20,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.03	19,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.92	32,560

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	140.35	592,720
TENDERLOINS	145-150	136.42	111,190
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	95.73	67,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	87.15	93,600
LEGS	49-50	48.69	175,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.17	284,560
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	41.70	107,020
THIGHS	35-36	46.00	65,880
B/S THIGHS	91-92	89.87	92,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	96.78	279,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.52	28,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.64	15,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.34	23,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED CUMULATIVE OF BROKEN FILTERS (IN THOUSANDS)								AVG
	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)	
	08/23	08/22	08/21	08/18	08/21	08/18	08/16	08/14
Alabama	4,166	4,171	4,019	4,056	5.36	5.09	4,066	5.24
Arkansas	5,406	5,367	5,296	4,735	5.29	4.90	5,305	5.21
Delmarva	2,255	2,276	2,255	2,559	5.67	5.61	2,181	5.28
KY-LA-TN	2,301	2,321	2,275	1,869	5.01	4.81	2,058	5.02
Mississippi	2,749	2,830	2,851	3,115	5.84	5.76	2,741	6.01
North Car	2,657	2,631	2,636	2,717	6.62	6.74	2,555	6.63
Texas	2,525	2,533	2,273	2,560	5.10	5.06	2,598	5.32
Total	22,059	22,129	21,605	21,338	5.53	5.38	21,504	5.48
Mon-Wed	66,362 (A)						64,278 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Aug-06 is estimated to be 33,003,000 head up 2.27 percent from a week ago and down -2.09 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,269,000, last year 33,708,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-06

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	08/26/06 (1)	08/19/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	165,873 (2)	163,609
Light hens	981	971
Heavy hens	1,575	1,689
Total	168,429	166,269

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Aug-06 is 163.6 million head compared to 169.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.2 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Sep-06 the estimated available is 162.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 08/21/06	106,615	68,342
AM 08/01/06	110,271	63,810
CHG	-3,656	4,532
PCT CHG	-3	7

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	08/21/06	08/14/06	08/22/05	08/21/06	08/14/06	08/22/05
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	559	563	5,000	10,260	9,646	4,746
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	252	273	156	2,864	2,708	2,347

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2006

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 08/22/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	<b>LOW HIGH AVG</b>			<b>LOW HIGH AVG</b>		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.00	1.25
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	5.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.25	1.60
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.00
ROOSTERS lb.	1.50	2.75	1.81	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	11.00	22.00
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.00	1.75	1.34	RABBITS ea.	-	5.25
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	3.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	1.00	2.25
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	8.25
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	69					

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending August 18, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	54.47	117.32	79.61	16.76	4.19	50.28
High	58.66	125.70	83.80	20.95	8.38	50.28
Mostly	54.47	121.51	79.61	20.95	4.19	50.28

**SAN JUAN**

Low	53.21	117.32	75.42	16.76	4.19	54.47
High	59.50	121.51	83.80	20.95	4.19	54.47
Mostly	57.40	117.32	79.61	16.76	4.19	54.47

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	54.47	121.51	75.42	16.76	4.19	53.21
High	59.92	125.70	79.61	20.95	8.38	53.21
Mostly	54.47	121.51	75.42	16.76	4.19	53.21

**BECERRA**

Low	54.47	121.51	79.61	20.95	4.19	56.57
High	60.76	125.70	83.80	25.14	8.38	56.57
Mostly	54.47	121.51	79.61	25.14	4.19	56.57

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained fair to moderate with the bulk of activity centered around earlier commitments. Offerings were fully adequate and buyer interest was somewhat limited. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Bone-in breasts remained tight in spots, but available and slow to clear elsewhere. Other breast cuts continued to clear satisfactorily along with wings. Thighs increased in availability. Leg quarters were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED**  
**U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

64-79  
(A)  
(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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